

ALASKA TRAUMA REGISTRY CALENDAR

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Thank you for your hard work! Trauma registry data are more current now than ever before. Twelve hospitals are finished collecting data through 1999 and are working on year 2000 records.

The Community Health and EMS (CHEMS) office has been contacted several times this Spring in response to news stories. There was a record-breaking 24 snow machine deaths this winter in Alaska. Trauma registry data have been used for two research projects and a series of very informative articles in the Anchorage Daily News on the hazards of snow machines.

A couple of calls came in just after the wolf bite incident involving an six-year-old boy near Yakutat. One call came from the Department of Fish and Game and one from Senator Elton's office. There have been no other hospitalizations or deaths by wolf mauling in Alaska this decade. However, there is on average one

death a year due to dog mauling and about 30 dog bite hospitalizations per year. Cats put about six Alaskans in the hospital each year and horses about three. Five people died from bear mauling and 18 were hospitalized in seven years. Moose attack accounted for two deaths and six hospitalizations during that time.

The Million Mom March generated interest in firearm injury statistics this month. **Serious and Fatal Firearm Injuries Among Children and Adolescents in Alaska; 1991-1997** was published in the January/February/March issue of *Alaska Medicine*. This article summarizes Vital Statistics and Trauma Registry data on firearm injuries to Alaskan youth, along with Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey data on the presence of loaded, unlocked firearms in the home.

This article has received a great deal of attention around

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